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Comment: Partisan activity in Romania is reported with increasing regularity in various foreign newspapers. The following article reports an attack on General Doncea in a partisan ambush; his death was later reported by a Yugoslav source, in the 12 July 1952 issue of Politika.

During the spring and summer of 1952, increasing numbers of partisans were active in the Apuseni Mountains of Transylvania and in the Babadagul region of Dobruja.

Cuget Clara, a leading Communist newspaper in Constanta, describes the recurrent searches by the local militia for escapees from the Danube-Black Sea Canal. Their efforts are almost futile, however, because the escapees join the bands of partisans in the marshes of Dobruja. Recourse is often made to Soviet troops from Tulcea Regiune.

A significant event recently took place in the Pitesti and Stalin areas, when Gen Constantin Doncea attempted to inspect the garrisons there. To avoid the Olt River Valley, long known as partisan country, the general chose the longer route through Pitesti-Bran-Stalin. Before leaving, he was given strict assurances by Col Dumibru Carabus, chief of security, that no partisans would harm him along the route. However, as soon as his car reached Giuvala, which is the highest point in the Bran pass, a band of partisans opened fire on the visiting general. This resulted in the death of one of the aides and in the serious wounding of the general.

On his return, General Doncea demanded the arrest of Colonel Carabus for his failure to provide safety precautions against a partisan attack. It is not known whether punitive measures were taken against Colonel Carabus.

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